

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
P5742

In Re Application Of: **Blacket**

Serial No.  
09/509,302

Filing Date  
06/02/2000

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Invention: **SHEET JOINING METHOD AND APPARATUS AND AND A RIVET FOR USE IN THE METHOD**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of September 16, 2003 above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month ☐ Two months ☒ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: December 16, 2003  
*Date*

until: March 16, 2004  
*Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

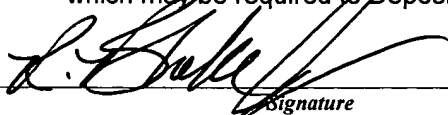
- ☐ is enclosed.  
☒ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is \$475 and is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-2284

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 18-2284 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

  
*Signature*

Dated: March 16, 2004

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on \_\_\_\_\_ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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